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The Fern Hill Palace of the Maharajah of Mysore, Ootacamund, The Nilgiris, South India
August 20, 1959

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Dear Tom O'Neill:

Recently, my host here, the Maharajah of Mysore, was on his first visit to the USA for a lecture tour of Universities and for meetings with groups like the Rockefeller Foundation, in New York; The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in Boston; and the American Council on Education and the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, in Washington. He made only one non-academic speech, and that was the Gideon Seymour Lecture at the University of Minnesota. If you are on John Cowles' mailing list, you may already have received a copy of it, but just in case, here is another - as reprinted in the Deccan Herald of Bangalore, India. I attach also a background information sheet on His Highness, for your information.

I heard that Cowles said this speech pulled the largest audience this series has yet enjoyed. We don't think this indicated any particular American interest in Maharajahs, per se, but rather, the very high interest in India which HH encountered everywhere - in every aspect of India's life and thought.

Under these circumstances, I thought it might be something you could use. Do let me hear. I wish you would mail me a copy of "Vital Speeches of the Day" so I could show it to His Highness and describe to him the good and needed job you do.

As I'm leaving here in a few days, please address me % The Vasantha Mahal, Mysore City, India.

Regards, as usual,

Julie Medlock

Vital Speeches of the Day
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W: Here is an idea - Vital Speeches of the Day - which "our" office here, if it develops, might very well copy - possibly as a quarterly , and using speeches from countries all over the world. Or, as an alternative, we might talk them into adding an international section and letting us supply the material; then help get it circulated around the world instead of just the USA. This publications goes to USA libraries, Universities and other schools, organizations and Foundations, etc.

Julie